



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: On September 15, 1942, the 104th Timberwolf Infantry Division of the United States Army, named for the distinctive patch featuring the gray timberwolf, was activated at Camp Adair in Oregon. The 104th Timberwolf Division trained in the Oregon, California, and Arizona deserts, and completed training at Camp Carson, Colorado; and

WHEREAS: On August 27, 1944, the 104th Timberwolf Division departed Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, and landed at Cherbourg Harbor in the Normandy region of France on September 7, 1944; and

WHEREAS: The 104th Timberwolf Division first engaged the enemy at Wuustwezel, Belgium on October 23, 1944, and continued on in front line combat for 195 consecutive days. The 104th Timberwolf Division, also known as "the Night Fighters," suffered 1,473 battlefield deaths, 19 MIAs, and 51 non-battle-related deaths; and

WHEREAS: The 104th Timberwolf Division participated in many battles, fighting through Belgium, Holland, and central Germany. During their march through Germany, they discovered and liberated a concentration camp in Nodhausen called Mittelbau Dora, a subcamp of Buchenwald concentration camp; and

WHEREAS: The 104th Timberwolf Division received two Medals of Honor, 24 Distinguished Service Crosses, one Distinguished Service Medal, 786 Silver Star Medals, six Legion of Merits, 3,623 Bronze Star Medals, 54 Air Medals, 24 Soldier Medals, seven Presidential Unit Citations, and 7,011 Purple Hearts; and

WHEREAS: On August 30, 2014, veterans of the WWII 104th Timberwolf Division and their families come together for an annual reunion in Bloomington, Minnesota. The 104th Timberwolf Infantry Division has held a reunion for the past 69 years, and will meet again this year at a celebration presented by their children, also affectionately known as "pups."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 30, 2014, as:

WWII 104TH INFANTRY DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 27th day of August.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE